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Classified By: Political Counselor Matthew Tueller, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Political Counselor made reftel paragraph one points to Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister Abbawi June 19. Abbawi welcomed the idea and noted it would require coordination with several GOI ministries.

12. (C) Deputy PolCouns followed up with Abbawi on August 1. Abbawi said the Foreign Ministry had asked the Prime Minister's Office to draft a letter to ArabSat requesting closure of al-Zawraa. Abbawi said he would look into whether the PM's office had sent the letter.  
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